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THE FUTURE OF CO-EDUCATION.

Plan of Partial Separation Suggested by President Harper of Chicago.

The University of Chicago has announced a departure from the complete co-education which has prevailed hitherto. Under classmen, and classwomen, are to be separated in different quadrangles and mixed classes are to be permitted only in the upper classes and in the graduate schools. The plan is admittedly a compromise and it remains to be seen whether it will work as well as complete segregation or complete co-education. A similar system in use at Columbia gives excellent results. The reason for the change seems to be the fear that the women will soon outnumber the men and defeat the original purpose of the university, which, according to the Philadelphia Record, was the "education of young men."

"The aspiration of President Harper and of his professors," says the Record, "is especially to train young men for a career which they alone can follow. In order to afford to the exceptionally serious, gifted, and ambitious young woman a measure of the same training the doors were opened to the other sex, but there has been nothing in the experience of the school to shake the opinion that the supreme work of the university should be the development of the powers of the young men. With the tendency of women to rush in overwhelming numbers into the great school and the consequent disposition of the young men to go elsewhere, there is every reason to fear that the high ambitions of the faculty will be defeated." The Chicago Record-Herald thinks that "most young men when given an absolutely free choice and the means to gratify their ambition will prefer an institution exclusively for men. And the more the women crowd into the mixed schools the more pronounced will this preference become."

President Nicholas Murray Butler, of Columbia university, speaks a good word for co-education in the current number of Collier's Weekly. He says: "A wise college president wrote a few years ago that 'this intertraining and equal training takes the simpler out of the young woman and the roughness out of the young man.' He was right. The woman who grows up surrounded by women and taught only by women, and the man who grows up surrounded by men and taught only by men, are a long time maturing. Both are abnormal. The family is the natural type, not the monastery or the nunnery."

No Extra Session.

Washington, July 5.—Chairman Payne of the House Committee on Ways and Means today conferred with President Roosevelt in regard to Cuban reciprocity. Upon leaving the Executive quarters Payne, in response to questions on the subject, said he was satisfied that reciprocity with Cuba would be effected at the next session of Congress with an almost unanimous vote in both houses. The method by which this will be attained, he said, would be by treaty. Under ordinary conditions, he said, a treaty is ratified by the Senate only, but in matters of this kind, involving questions of revenue under the Dingley law, the House under the Constitution has equal jurisdiction with the Senate.

The conference of Payne with the President and his subsequent utterances effectually put an end to an extra session talk.

Mitchell May Not Come.

Washington, July 1.—Although Senator Foster was appointed second member of a sub-committee to visit Hawaii during the coming summer, it is probable he will be in charge, as it is very doubtful if Senator Mitchell, designated as chairman, can leave the country. If this proves to be the case, Senator Foster will be called on to make a report of their investigations, a report of much importance as the information sought is to be the basis for future legislation.

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Wood in Great Demand for Manufacturing Furniture.

Furniture manufacturers have for years been classing mahogany furniture as the best and most expensive, and proud has been the housewife in the Western States who could boast she had a mahogany sideboard in her dining room, but now the up-to-date furniture connoisseur must have odd furniture made of koa wood from Hawaii. A shipment of this wood will shortly be made from Honolulu to furniture manufacturers in San Francisco.

But the San Francisco furniture manufacturer has awakened to the possibility of koa wood too late, as the koa forests of Hawaii are almost extinct. But very little of the wood now remains, and what there is fetches fabulous prices.

The Maunakea Lumber Co., of Laupahoehoe, Hawaii, shipped a cargo of 1535 pieces of koa wood by the schooner Alice Kimball to Honolulu, and this lot is to be sent on to San Francisco. This small cargo of roughly sawn timber is probably worth over \$5000, and a stranger noticing the pile on the dock and not knowing what wood it was might have hesitated in offering more than a couple of hundred dollars for it. The wood takes a very fine polish and makes up into the finest kind of furniture. There is such a demand for koa furniture in San Francisco that it is very unlikely if any of it will be shipped back to Honolulu.

Their Vacations.

The musicians will live on the Sound, and the ping-pong players will go to Table Bay. The summer girls will naturally go to the Isle of Man, and those too old to be loved will seek the Isle of Pines. Dipsomaniacs will go to Bar Harbor, brewers to Behring Straits, while all reformed drunkards will go to Haddam. The coal men will flock to Asheville, poets will go to Attica, geometers to Cuba, tramps to Bath, horseback riders to Canterbury, tunny men to Chestnut Ridge, golf players to Bunker Hill, philanthropists to the Bounty Islands, Boston girls to Chilli, and chiropodists to Cornwall.

Printers will go to Ems, aurists to Erie, pawnbrokers to Hocking Valley, spiritualists to Knoxville, burglars to Lock Haven, Pullman car porters to Palm Beach, but there is some doubt about the Philipinos going to Liberty. Those who linger too long will go to Tarrytown.

All the stuffs will go to Turkey. Prohibitionists will go to the Water Gap, and all practical jokers to Cape Cod. Some Wall street men will go to Great Bear Lake and others to Bull Run. Folks troubled with insomnia will go to Sleepy Hollow. Roulette players will go to Wheeling and poker players to Council Bluffs. Fat men will go to Great Neck, thin men to Littleton, and melancholy men to Sulphur Springs.

The cooks will go to Pottstown, the anarchists to Bombay, cabmen to Hoboken, vivisectionists to the Catskills, and all the shoppers to Paw Paw.

Pool players will go to the Pyramids, leather men to Morocco, magnates to the Rockies, while those whose fortunes are falling will go to Sag Harbor.

All the peach growers will go to Pittsburg, and the lacemakers to Olq Point. The confectioners will flock to Mt. Desert, and the gossip to Peking.

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